MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Attempts were made only in the three places mentioned by me. No other attempt was made. There is no record to show whether any attempt was made anywhere else.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any attempt was made at Muttom?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member has answered that from the papers in his hands that he is not able to give a reply.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): The Department has spent a lot of money and the member says that there is no record.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Just now no record is available. If the member is particular I will call for the records.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you give a specific interpellation on that question, you will get answer.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): My interpellation is whether any well was successfully sunk?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That has been answered.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): From the answer of the member I understand that one well was attempted in the caste village at Suchindram and it was not a success. That is what I understood from the reply of the member. But in the printed answer it is given as Suchindram car street and the expenditure is Rs. 1,188. My question is what is the number of tube wells successfully carried out in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Two wells were attempted at Suchindram, one was successful and the other was unsuccessful.

Appointments made in the Co-operative Department.

136. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of appointments made in the Co-operative Department during the period between 1-12-1103 and 15-4-1106 by them and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (separately);

(*b*) the number of Muslims who were appointed by them and that appointed by the Registrar during the period; and

(*c*) the number of Muslims who applied to them and the number of Muslims who applied to the Registrar during the period?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The statements* required by the member are laid on the table.

(*c*) The numbers are 5 and 6 respectively.

Pay of Koran teachers.

137. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there is a general dissatisfaction in the Muslim community that the claims of Koran teachers in the matter of their allowance or pay have been ignored; and

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(*b*) that the Koran teachers are placed in a disadvantageous position owing to the fact that they could not attend to any other work during school hours?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were certain petitions representing, among other things, the case of the Koran teachers for betterment of their position and pay.

(*b*) Government are not aware. There are no orders to the effect that Koran teachers should not attend to any other work when they are not engaged in school work.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : കൊറാൻ ടീച്ചേർസ് സ്കൂൾസംബന്ധമായ ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതുനിമിത്തം മറ്റു ജോലികൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു സൗകര്യമില്ലാതെ വരുന്നു എന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : മറ്റു ജോലികൾചെയ്യുന്നതിന് അവർക്ക് സൗകര്യം ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കാൻ കാരണമില്ല. സ്കൂൾസമയത്തല്ലാ കൊറാൻ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : ആ രീതിക്ക് ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നതായാൽ പതിനൊന്നും പന്ത്രണ്ടും മണിക്ക് ജോലികൊടുക്കുവാൻ ആളുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സമയത്ത് ജോലി കൊടുക്കുന്നവരും കാണും.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സമയത്ത് ജോലി കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ആളുണ്ടോ എന്നന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : അതിനെക്കുറിച്ച് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടില്ല.

Restoration of the A. V. M. canal.

138. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a recommendation of the Development Board for the restoration of the A. V. M. canal ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the total length of the canal to be restored and the total length navigable ;

(*c*) the total amount of maintenance for such navigable length and the actual amount of maintenance expended for the last six years (1100-1105) ; and

(*d*) whether soundings have been taken in the said A. V. M. canal ?

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